

SB 148

Measure Title:	RELATING TO FIRE PROTECTION.
Report Title:	State Fire Council Package; Fire Protection Systems Certifications
Description:	Specifies the allowable fire protection systems certifications that an individual may obtain.
Companion:	HB495
Package:	State Fire Council
Current Referral:	PSM, CPH
Introducer(s):	KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party)

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February 21, 2019

The Honorable Rosalyn Baker, Chair
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection,
and Health
The State Senate
State Capitol, Room 230
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Baker:

Subject: Senate Bill (SB) 148 Relating to Fire Protection

I am Manuel P. Neves, Chair of the Hawaii State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of the Honolulu Fire Department (HFD). The SFC and the HFD support SB 148, which proposes to specify the allowable fire protection systems certifications that an individual may obtain to more closely align the current statute with the state fire code and nationally recognized standards.

Hawaii Revised Statutes, Chapter 132, currently authorizes the SFC to establish statewide qualifications for testing, certifying, and credentialing individuals who perform maintenance and testing of portable fire extinguishers, fire protection systems, and fire alarm systems. This bill proposes to define the two distinct fire protection system licenses that individuals are required to obtain:

1. Water-based fire protection systems
2. Other fire protection systems
3. Private fire hydrants

Water-based fire protection systems include fire extinguishing systems, such as automatic fire sprinklers, wet and dry standpipe systems, and fire pumps where water is the primary fire suppressant. Other fire protection systems replace water with dry or wet chemical, carbon dioxide, or clean agents as the primary fire suppressant. The bill

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also proposes to include a private fire hydrant license which, like water and other fire protection systems, requires regular maintenance in order to operate properly when needed. Maintenance testing requirements of these different systems are outlined in the National Fire Protection Agency's national standards, and their proper operation is critical to life safety not only of building occupants, but fire fighters as well.

The SFC and the HFD respectfully request your passage of SB 148.

Should you have questions, please contact SFC Administrative Specialist Lloyd Rogers at 723-7176 or lrogers@honolulu.gov.

Sincerely,

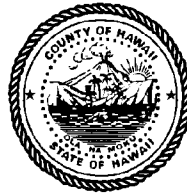


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The State Senate
State Capitol, Room 229
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Dear Chair Baker:

Subject: S.B. 148, RELATING TO FIRE PROTECTION
Hearing Date: Tuesday, February 26, 2019
Time/Place of Hearing: 9:30 a.m., Conference Room 229

I am Darren J. Rosario, Member of the Hawai'i State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of the Hawai'i Fire Department of the County of Hawai'i (HCFD). The SFC and the HCFD support SB 148, which proposes to specify the allowable fire protection systems certifications that an individual may obtain, to more closely align the current statute with the state fire code and nationally recognized standards.

Hawai'i Revised Statutes, Chapter 132, currently authorizes the SFC to establish statewide qualifications for testing, certifying, and credentialing individuals who perform maintenance and testing of portable fire extinguishers, fire protection systems, and fire alarm systems. This authorization falls under the HRS, Chapter 132. The intent of this bill is to propose to define; a.) Water-based fire protection systems, and b.) Other fire protection systems. the bill would define these two distinct fire protection systems licenses that individuals are required to obtain.

The bill also proposes to include a private fire hydrant license which, like water and other fire protection systems, requires regular maintenance in order to operate properly when needed. Maintenance testing requirements of these different systems are outlined in the National Fire Protection Agency's national standards, and their proper operation is critical to life safety not only of building occupants, but fire fighters as well.

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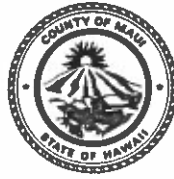
Please do not hesitate to call me at 932-2901 or darren.rosario@hawaiicounty.gov should you have any questions. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 148.

Respectfully,

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Fire Chief

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Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection,
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The State Senate
State Capitol, Room 230
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Dear Chair Baker:

Subject: Senate Bill (SB) 148 Relating to Fire Protection

I am David C. Thyne, member of the Hawaii State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of the Honolulu Fire Department (HFD). The SFC and the HFD support SB 148, which proposes to specify the allowable fire protection systems certifications that an individual may obtain to more closely align the current statute with the state fire code and nationally recognized standards.

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and their proper operation is critical to life safety not only of building occupants, but fire fighters as well.

The SFC and the MFD respectfully request your passage of SB 148.

Should you have questions, please contact SFC Administrative Specialist Lloyd Rogers at (808) 723-7176 or lrogers@honolulu.gov.

Sincerely,

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DAVID C. THYNE
Fire Chief

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**TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION,
AND HEALTH
State Capitol, Conference Room 229
415 South Beretania Street
9:30 AM**

February 26, 2019

RE: SENATE BILL NO. 148, RELATED TO RELATING TO FIRE PROTECTION

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang, and members of the committee:

My name is Gladys Quinto Marrone, CEO of the Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA-Hawaii). Chartered in 1955, the Building Industry Association of Hawaii is a professional trade organization affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders, representing the building industry and its associates. BIA-Hawaii takes a leadership role in unifying and promoting the interests of the industry to enhance the quality of life for the people of Hawaii. Our members build the communities we all call home.

BIA-Hawaii is in **support** of S.B. 148, which proposes to specify the allowable fire protection systems certifications that an individual may obtain, more closely aligning the state fire code with nationally-recognized standards.

Establishing qualifications for testing, certifying and credentialing individuals who perform maintenance and testing of portable fire extinguishers, water-based fire protection systems, other fire protection systems, private fire hydrants, and fire alarm systems would insure proper performance of the system when needed.

We appreciate the opportunity to express our support of S.B. 148.